

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-35. (canceled).

36. (new): A system for managing usage of a parking space including:

a sensor to sense usage of the parking space by a vehicle; and

a processor coupled to the sensor, the processor being programmed to:

determine an elapsed usage time of the vehicle based on the sensed usage;

calculate a usage fee based on the elapsed usage time and two-tier pricing that

charges a fixed price per time up to a predetermined usage time and thereafter charges an

increasingly higher variable price per time that is a disincentive to usage of the parking space beyond the predetermined usage time;

accept payment of the usage fee or information therefor.

37. (new): A system according to claim 36, wherein usage of the parking space is manageable by selectively varying the predetermined usage time, the fixed price per time, the increasingly higher variable price per time, and combinations thereof.

38. (new): A method for managing a parking space, the method including the steps of:

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sensing usage of the parking space by a vehicle with a sensor;

determining in a processor an elapsed usage time of the vehicle based on the sensed usage;

calculating in the processor a usage fee based on the elapsed usage time and two-tier pricing that charges a fixed price per time up to a predetermined usage time and thereafter charges an increasingly higher variable price per time that is a disincentive to usage of the parking space beyond the predetermined usage time;

accepting payment of the usage fee or information therefore.

39. (new): A method according to claim 38, further including the step of selectively varying the predetermined usage time, the fixed price per time, the increasingly higher variable price per time, and combinations thereof.